

AMENDMENT

Please enter the following amendments without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute these claims in a continuation or divisional application.

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph under the header “Cross-Reference to Related Applications” at page 1, lines 5-11 of the specification as follows:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 06/256,269 60/256,269 filed December 15, 2000; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/296,581, filed June 6, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/296,580, filed June 6, 2001; and U.S. Provisional Application No. (to be assigned)60/343,575, filed October 19, 2001, ~~attorney reference number 346393001500 entitled “Compositions and Methods for the Prevention and Treatment of Tissue Ischemia”~~, all hereby incorporated herein in their entirety.